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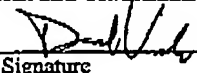
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PATENT APPLICATION

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KOHEI WATANABE, et al.

Application No.: 10/554,211

Int'l. Filing Date: December 16, 2004

371(c) Date: October 24, 2005

For: BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE  
SUBSTANCE TRANSFER  
SHEET, CELL CULTURE KIT  
CONSTITUTED OF CELL  
CULTURE PLATE AND  
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE  
SUBSTANCE TRANSFER  
SHEET, PRODUCING METHOD  
THEREOF AND METHOD FOR  
SCREENING CELL CULTURE  
CONDITIONS UTILIZING THE  
SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 13, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 10. The restriction requirement is, however, traversed.

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Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining the five groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be an undue burden in examining the claims of Groups I to V in a single application, since the five groups of claims are not so different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination.

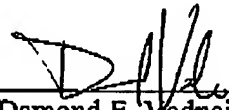
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested. If, however, the restriction requirement is maintained, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of method Claims 22 to 33 upon the allowance of Claims 1 to 10, pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(b).

The Office Action also sets forth an election of species requirement. The requirement is only applicable if Group IV is elected. This was confirmed by the Examiner in a telephonic conversation with Applicants' undersigned representative. Accordingly, since Group IV was not elected, no election of species is necessary.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respcctfully submitted,

  
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